Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Zoning Variance filed by the legal owners of the subject property, Daniel T. Woolfrey, Jr. and Sharon Lynn Woolfrey. The Petitioners request relief from Section 102.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit two building lots, which do not abut a rightof-way, of 6,072 sq.ft. and 17,082 sq.ft. in lieu of the required minimum of 20,000 sq.ft. and which abut a right-of-way of at least 30 feet wide; and from Section 1802.3.C.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a rear yard setback of 11 feet in lieu of the required minimum of 30 feet for an existing dwelling on proposed Lot 1, all as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing on behalf of the Petition were Daniel and Sharon Woolfrey, legal owners. Also appearing on behalf of the Petition was Jonathan S. Dallas, Registered Property Line Surveyor. There were no Protestants.

Testimony indicated that the subject properties, known as 2854-A and 2856 Lodge Farm Road, are comprised of three lots containing a gross area of 0.53 acres more or less, zoned D.R. 5.5. Currently, Lot 1 is a square-shaped lot approximately 54.41 feet wide by 50 feet deep which contains the existing dwelling. Lots 2 and 3 and undeveloped. The Petitioners

are desirous of restructuring the property into two lots and developing proposed Lot 2 with a new single family dwelling. Testimony indicated that the Petitioners currently reside in the existing dwelling at 2856 Lodge Farm Road. Mr. Woolfrey testified that the subject lots were created prior to zoning and that the proposed reconfiguration will bring the property into compliance with current regulations. However, as a result of the proposed reconfiguration, the requested variances are necessary in order to develop Lot 2. The Petitioners testified that the property has been in the family since 1939 and is landlocked, but for a 10-foot wide easement leading to Lodge Farm Road. Although the easement to the property is only 10 feet in width, traffic to the site is very limited and there have never been any problems entering or exiting the property. In support of their request, the Petitioners introduced a letter from the adjoining property owner, Frank Miller, who resides at 2854 Lodge Farm Road, indicating he has no objections to their plans. Testimony indicated the relief requested will not result in any detriment to the health, safety or general welfare of the surrounding community.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

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2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

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3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variance is not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of this variance request and that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 10 th day of December, 1992 that the Petition for Zoning Variance requesting relief Section 102.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit two building lots, which do not abut a right-of-way, of 6,072 sq.ft. and 17,082 sq.ft. in lieu of the required minimum of 20,000 sq.ft. and abut a right-of-way of at least 30

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feet wide; and from Section 1802.3.C.1 of the B.C.2.R. to permit a rear yard setback of 11 feet in lieu of the required minimum of 30 feet for an existing dwelling on proposed Lot 1, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2) The Petitioners shall have recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County new deeds depicting the new configuration of the subject property into two lots, pursuant to the relief granted in this Petition. A copy of the recorded deeds shall be submitted to this office for inclusion in the case file.

> Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

December 10, 1992

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel T. Woolfrey, Jr. 2856 Lodge Farm Road Baltimore, Maryland 21219

RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE 221.72' NW of Lodge Farm Road, Approx. 500' W of North Point Rd. (2854-A and 2656 Lodge Farm Rd.) 15th Election District - 7th Councilmanic District Daniel T. Woolfrey, Jr., et ux - Petitioners Case No. 93-138-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Woolfrey:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact Ms. Charlotte Radcliffe at 887-3351.

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Jonathan S. Dallas 4932 Hazelwood Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21206

People's Counsel

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commission of Sariance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at Woolfrey Property Proposed Lots 1 & 2 which is presently zoned DR 5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 102.4 to allow two single family lots of 6,072 and 17,082 square feet that do not abut a right-of-way in lieu of lots which contain 20,000 square feet and abut a right-of-way of at least 30 feet wide, and

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) 1802.3.C.1 to allow a rear setback for the existing dwelling of 11 feet in lieu of the required 30 feet. ∥ There is no in fee access available to a public road since the three original lots were created in 1892, 1939 and 1942 before zoning regulations. Minor subdivision proposes to reconfigure land into two lots which now meet current area requirements.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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71	'. '			J. S. Dallas, Inc.
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	(Type or Print Name)			Address Phone No.
	Attorney for Petitioner:			2856 Lodge Farm Road (410) 477-140
	City	State	Zipcode	Than Lynn Woolfey
	Address	·	•	Sharon Lynn Woolfrey (Type or Pánt Name)
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	(Type or Print Name)			(Type or Print Name)
				Daniel Thomas Woolfrey, Jr.
	Contract Purchaser/Lessee:			Legal Owner(s):

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR # 2854A and 2856 LODGE FARM ROAD (TRACT)

BEGINNING at a point on the east side of a right-of-way 10 feet wide said point being also distant 221.72 feet in a northwesterly direction from the north side of Lodge Farm Road which is 40 feet wide thence running the six following bearings and distances (1) South 51 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 146.24 feet (2) North 15 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West 24.42 feet (3) South 65 degrees 38 minutes 03 seconds West 109.57 feet (4) North 32 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds West 54.98 feet (5) North 51 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds East 278.29 feet and (6) South 16 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds East 108.82 feet to the place of

CONTAINING 0.53 acres of land, more or less and located in the 15th Election District.

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 2856 LODGE FARM ROAD (LOT 1)

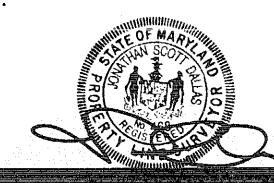
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CONTAINING 6072 Square Feet of land, more or less and located in the 15th Election District.

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR # 2854A LODGE FARM ROAD (LOT 2)

BEGINNING at a point on the east side of a right-of-way 10 feet wide said point being also distant 221.72 feet in a northwesterly direction from the north side of Lodge Farm Road which is 40 feet wide thence running the eight following bearings and distances (1) South 51 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West 146.24 feet (2) North 15 degrees 14 minutes 32 seconds West 24.42 feet (3) South 65 degrees 38 minutes 03 seconds West 109.57 feet (4) North 32 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds West 54.98 feet (5) North 51 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds East 203.29 feet (6) South 16 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds East 87.17 feet (7) North 51 degrees 59 minutes 36 seconds East 75.00 feet and (8) South 16 degrees 16 minutes 10 seconds East 21.65 feet to the place of

CONTAINING 17082 Square Feet of land, more or less and located in the 15th Election District.



CERTIFICATE OF POSTMA ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 93 - 138-12

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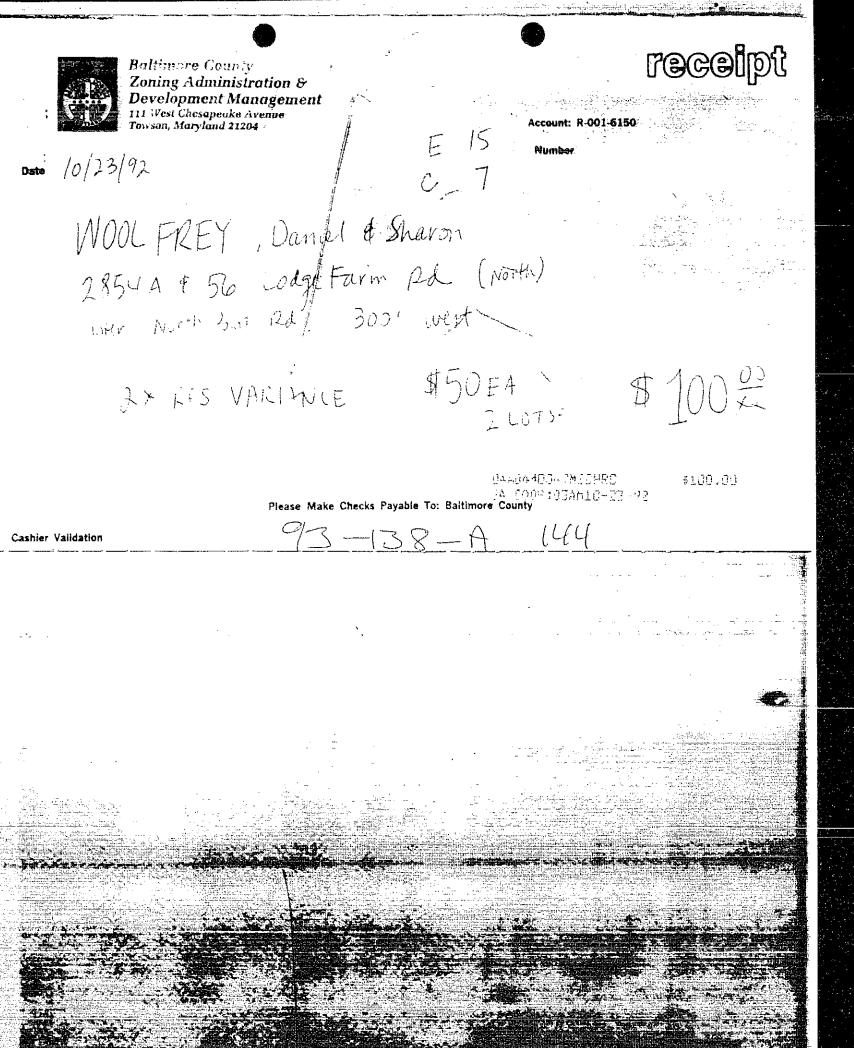
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Petitioner(s):
Daniel Thornas Wootfrey, Jr.
and Sharon Lynn Wolfrey Hearing: Friday, December 4, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 106, Office Build-Variance to allow two single family lots of 6,072 and 17,082 square feet that do not abut a right-of-way in lieu of lots which contain 20,000 square feet and abut a right-of-way of at least 30 feet wide; and to allow a rear of 11 feet in lieu of the required 30

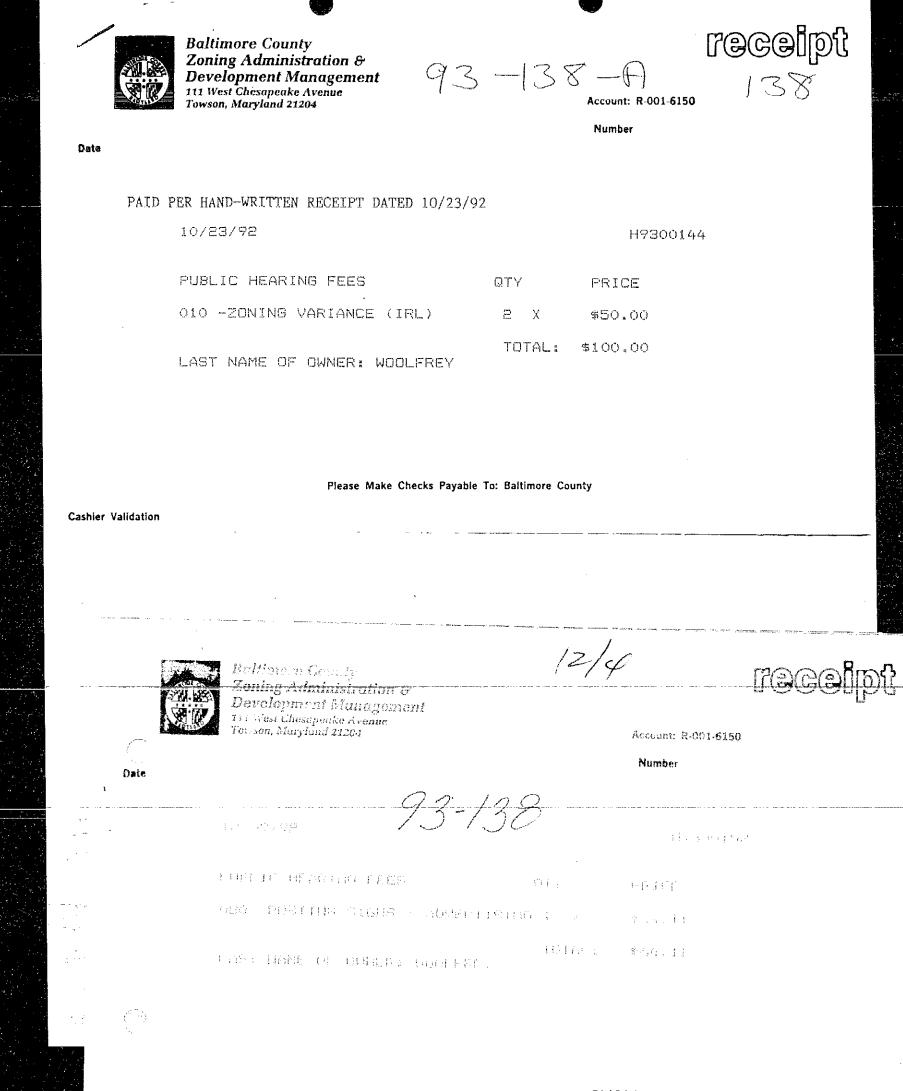
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

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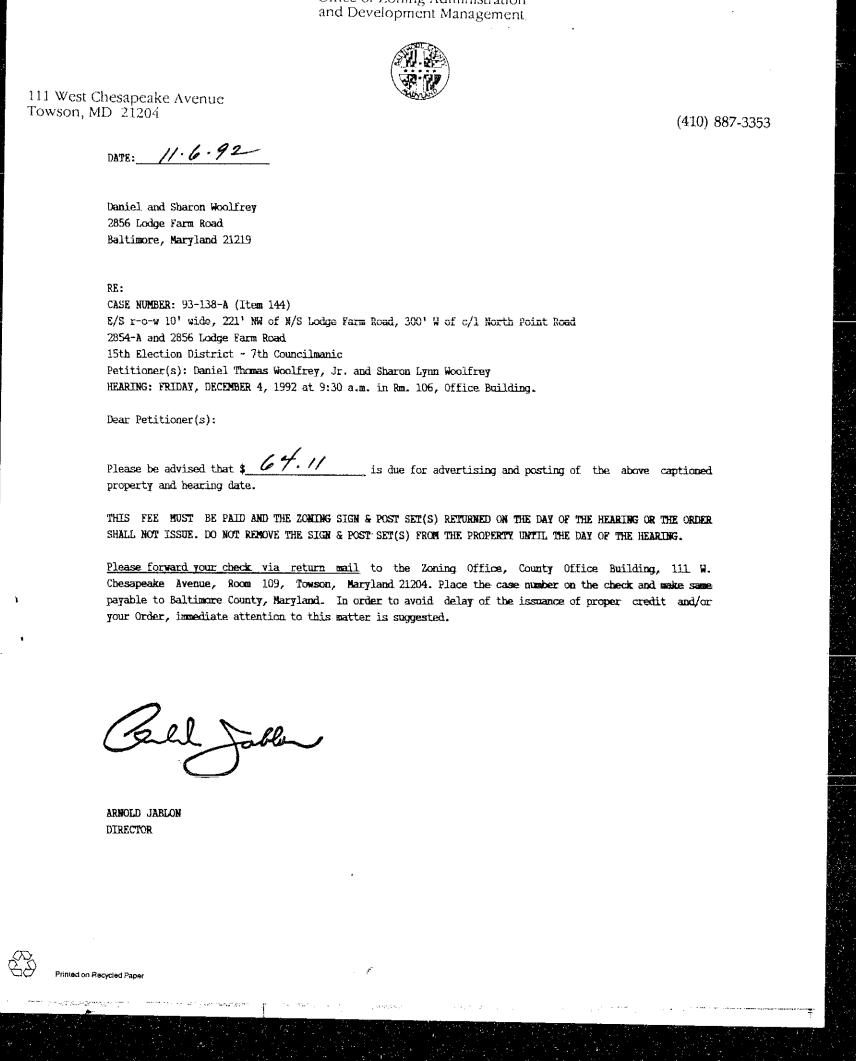
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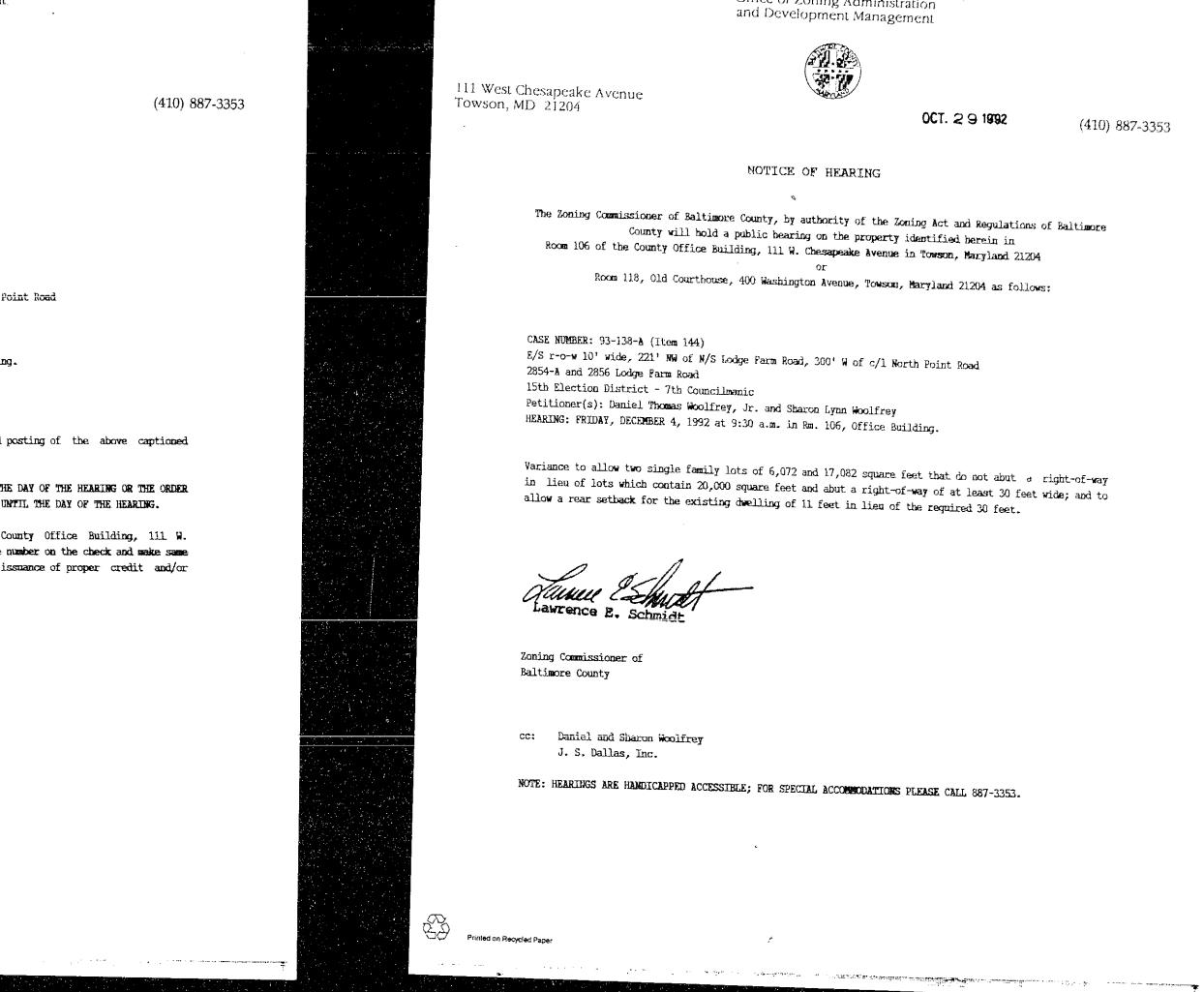
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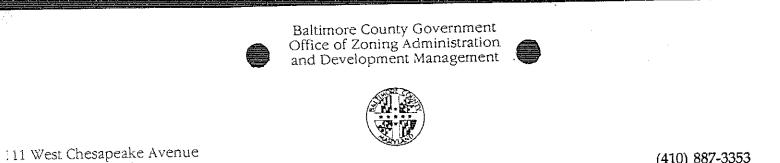
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Office of Zoning Administration





(410) 887-3353 November 23, 1992

2856 Lodge Farm Road Baltimore, MD 21219 RE: Case No. 93-138-A, Item No. 144
Petitioner: Daniel Thomas Woolfrey, Jr., et ux

Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Woolfrey:

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas Woolfrey, Jr.

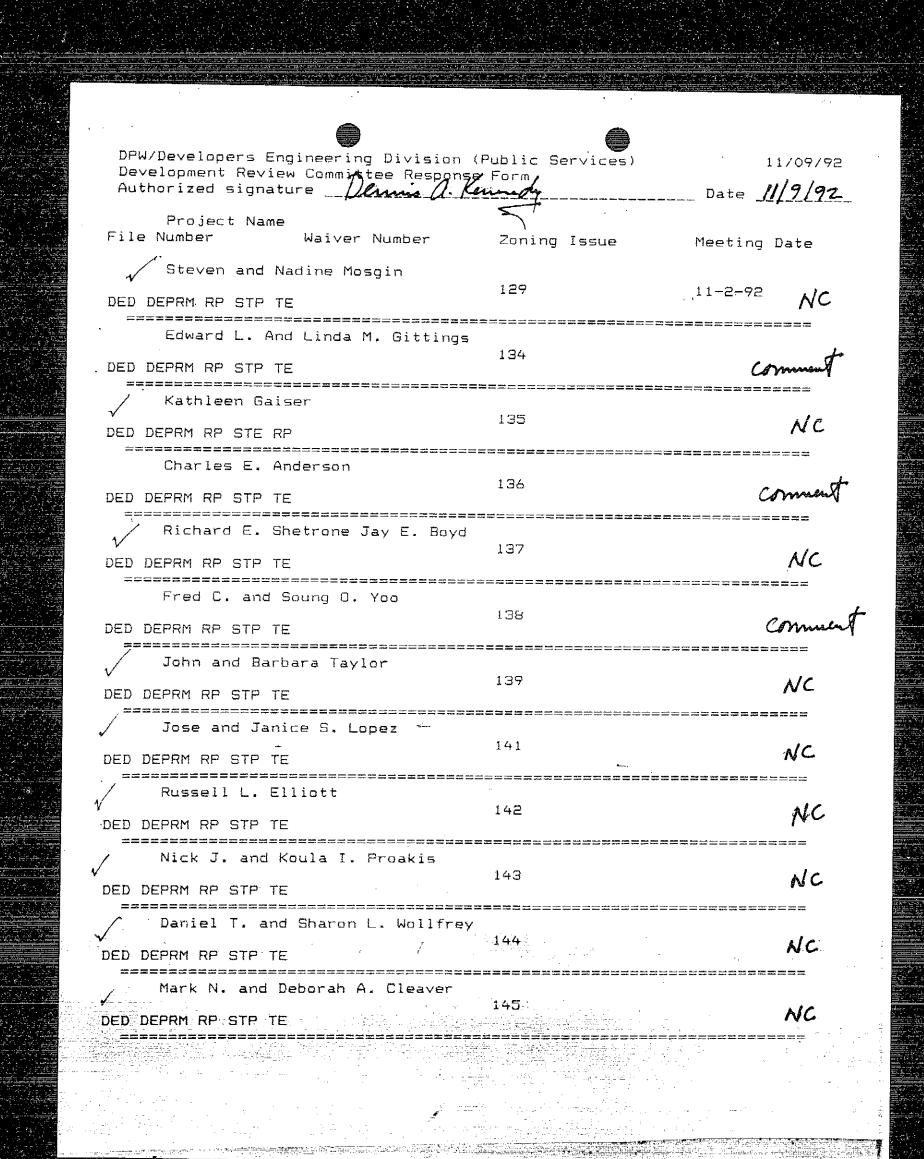
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The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e. Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing

Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this 23rd day of October, 1992. Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Petitioner: Daniel Thomas Woolfrey, Jr., et ux Petitioner's Attorney:





Maryland Department of Transportation

Baltimore County Government

Office of Zoning Administration

O. James Lighthizer Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Julie Winiarski Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County Item No.: \$/44 (476)

Dear Ms. Winiarski:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact David Ramsey at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

David Ramay 10/30/92 John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Rec'd 11/5/92

My telephone number is _____ Teletypewriter for Impaired Hearing or Speech 383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free 707 North Calvert St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

process with this office. 1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-3353

